

The **National Science Foundation (NSF)** has partnered with the InCommon Federation to make it simpler and easier for research and education organizations that are also InCommon participants to access online services through Research.gov. Research.gov is an exciting initiative that provides the research community with streamlined grants management services and other resources for multiple federal agencies in one location.

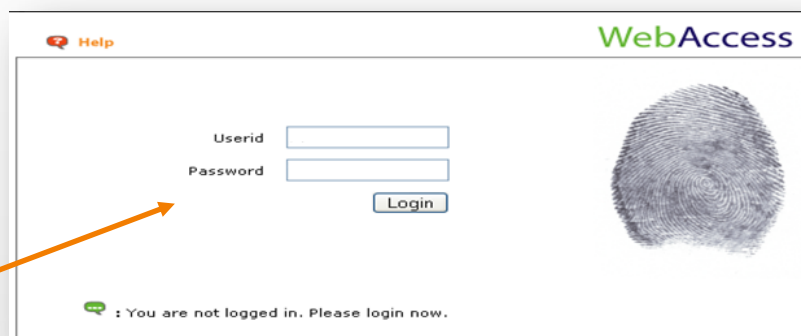


Getting Started

Step 1: Log In

Go to your institution's research website and select the link provided to access **Research.gov**.

You will be taken to a page where you will enter your institution-issued user ID and password in the appropriate fields and select **Login**.



The screenshot shows a 'WebAccess' login page. It has a 'Help' link in the top left and a 'WebAccess' logo in the top right. The main area contains two input fields labeled 'Userid' and 'Password', followed by a 'Login' button. To the right of the input fields is a large fingerprint icon. At the bottom, a message reads: ': You are not logged in. Please login now.'

Note: Your institution's login page could appear differently.



The screenshot shows the 'Research.gov Preview' homepage. The header includes the 'Research.gov' logo, a search bar, and navigation links like 'Home', 'Contact Us', 'Site Map', and 'Help'. A welcome message says 'Welcome Balu Krishna | My Profile | Logout | October 05, 2010'. The main content area features a large banner for 'New Policy Library!' with a 'Click here to Learn More >>' link. Below this, there's a section titled 'Our Services' with links to 'Research Spending & Results', 'Policy Library', and 'Project Outcomes Report'. On the right side, there's a 'My Links' section with links to 'Federal Links' (NSF.gov, USA.gov, etc.) and 'Research Community Links' (NSF.gov, etc.). At the bottom right, there's an 'Account Activation' section with an 'Activate Now' button, which is highlighted by an orange arrow.

Step 2: Activate Your Account

Click **Activate Now** on the right side of the Research.gov page, under the Account Activation section, to go to the "Activate Your Account" page.

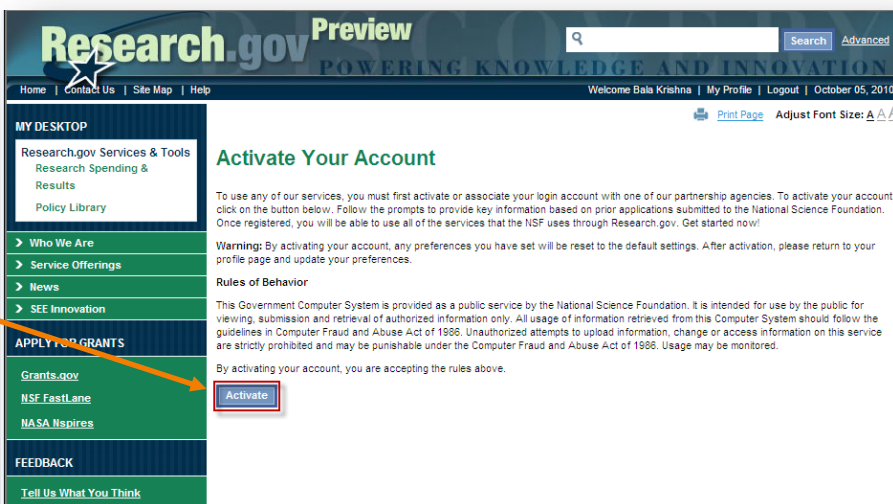
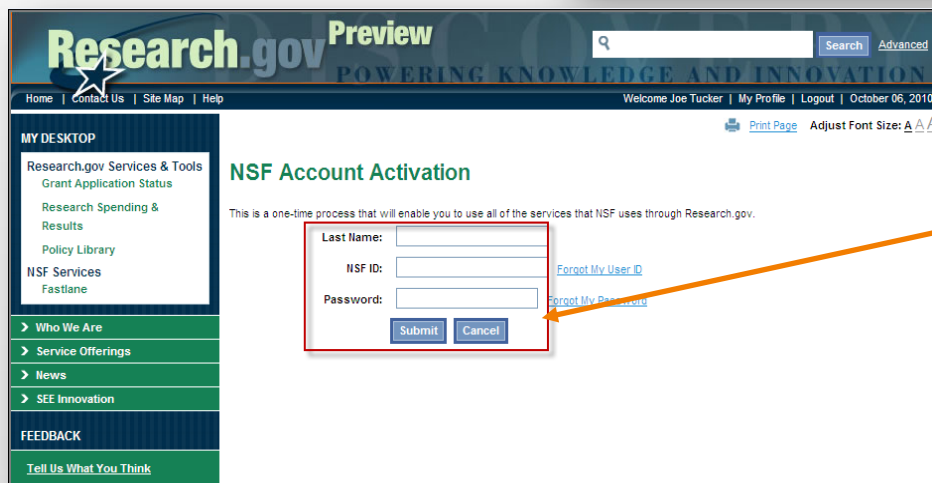


Activating Your Account with NSF

Step 3: Agree to Rules of Behavior

Read the Rules of Behavior and click the **Activate** button.

You will be redirected to the NSF Account Activation Page.

Step 4: Enter Your NSF Account Information

Enter the requested information in the appropriate fields (last name, NSF ID, and password) and select **Submit**. You will receive a message stating that your activation was submitted successfully.

Note: You will still need to activate your account for Research.gov partner agencies (e.g. USDA) using these same steps.

Step 5: Access Research.gov Grants Management Services

You will now be logged into Research.gov and your Grants Application Dashboard will be displayed.

Note: You are only required to complete steps 2 – 5 during initial account activation. You will arrive directly at this page after your next login from your institution web page once your NSF account is activated.

